

Feb 10, 1846

Members Church Jesus Christ of  
the Latter-day Saints, the Mormons,  
began an exodus to the west  
from Illinois

27 JUNE 1846

SMITHSONIAN  
INSTITUTE

ESTABLISHED

1846

Michigan abolished the death  
penalty.

1846

The U.S. Conquest of Santa Fe,  
under Kearny is bloodless

1846

Trapped in deep snow in the  
Sierra Nevada, the DONNER-REED  
party resorted to cannibalism to  
survive in 1846. An ill-advised  
short cut near Great Salt Lake  
had delayed their expedition by  
weeks.

1846

Cal. Trail

Dona-Rud party took Hastings  
advice (about a mud cut). They  
got bogged down in the Great  
Salt Lake Desert.

This delayed them so that  
a blizzard caught them in  
High Sierra. This buried 30  
people & turned survivors into  
cannibals

1846

Treaty line between  
British North America  
and the U.S. (Top of Oregon  
Territory - 1848)

1912 Dates J-BK

1846

(1814-1868) David WILMOT

American Politician. Born in Bathany, Pa. Wilmot Proviso (1846): declared slavery unlawful in any territory acquired from Mexico. House Passed: Senate rejected.

Wilmot was admitted to the bar (1834)  
Served Penn in U.S. House (1844-1851)  
Served in Senate (1861-1863)



1846-1878

Pope Pius IX led the  
Catholic Church for nearly  
32 years. The longest reigning Pope

First Vatican Council 1870

Dec. 24, 1846

Battle of El Bracito

Americans repulsed strong  
attack by 1100 Mexicans  
at El Bracito, N. M.

Dec 24, 1846

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(1796-1855) NICHOLAS I PAVLOVITCH  
Emperor of Russia. Born at St. Petersburg  
third son of Paul I. He married in  
1817 Charlotte, the eldest daughter  
of Frederick William III of Prussia and  
in 1825, on the death of Alexander I  
Nicholas became Emperor. He revived capital  
punishment. Codified Russian Law (1827-1846).  
Converted Poland into a Russian province  
and completely Russianized the foreign

element in the country. In 1878, a successful war with Turkey gave Russia more territory. Intent upon forcing his hereditary designs upon Constantinople Nicholas involved the country in the CRIMEAN WAR, during which struggle he died at St. Petersburg.

Jan 29, 1846

### Battle of Aliwal

British-Indian forces under  
Sir Harry G. W. Smith (June 28, 1787 -  
Oct. 12, 1860) won a major  
victory over SIKHS in the  
PUNJAB.

1846

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Oregon boundary was settled

Dec 28, 1846

Iowa

Part of territory acquired by  
Louisiana Purchase; admitted to

U.S. Union as 30th State Dec. 28, 1846

Feb 16, 1846

Texas entered upon its  
period of Statehood

The Stars & Stripes were unfurled  
for the 1st time.

J. Pinckney (PINCKNEY) Henderson  
was elected first governor of the  
State of Texas. (Parts of Colorado, Oklahoma,



New Mexico and the disputed territory  
to the Rio Grande. (Mexican said Nueces R.)

Sam Houston and Rush were  
the 1st Senators in Washington